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September 15, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

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Dear Supervisors:

APPOINTMENT AND SALARY FOR LEAD ATTORNEY, CHILDREN'S SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This letter recommends appointment of Rosemarie Belda as Lead Attorney, Children's Special Investigations Unit, at an annual salary of \$193,045.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Appoint Rosemarie Belda as the Lead Attorney, Children's Special Investigations Unit, effective September 21, 2009.
2. Approve an annual salary of \$193,045 for Rosemarie Belda, which will also be effective September 21, 2009.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Ms. Rosemarie Belda has over 22 years experience practicing law in the State of California, approximately 17 years of which have been practicing child welfare law.

In her current capacity as Principal Deputy County Counsel, Ms. Belda provides legal advice to the Department of Children and Family Services on issues including regulatory and statutory compliance, policy, child welfare programs, child fatality and funding legislation. Her experience includes advising on child welfare issues, supervising and directing the work of subordinate staff. She also has knowledge and understanding of the foster care and Dependency Court systems.

In her capacity as Lead Attorney, Children's Special Investigations Unit, Ms. Belda will serve as special counsel to the Board of Supervisors and provide the Board an independent legal review of child deaths and serious incidents of child abuse or neglect. Ms. Belda will also provide the Board, on an attorney-client basis, recommendations to improve the County's delivery of services to children at risk of abuse or neglect and thereby improve the well-being of the children in contact with County departments.

Given Ms. Belda's extensive experience in child welfare law and the critical nature of this position, it is recommended that the Board of Supervisors appoint Ms. Belda as the Lead Attorney, Children's Special Investigations Unit, effective September 21, 2009, with an annual salary of \$193,045.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This appointment is in conformance with the County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan's Children, Family and Adult-Well-Being Goal and will ensure continued achievement of integrated, cost-effective and child-centered supportive services in the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Funding for this position is available in the Executive Office's Fiscal Year 2009-10 operating budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The recommended salary will provide appropriate compensation to Ms. Belda to perform the duties of the Lead Attorney, Children's Special Investigations Unit.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

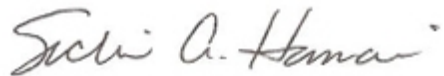
Implementation of this recommendation will provide leadership for the Children's Special Investigations Unit.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sachi A. Hamai".

SACHI A. HAMAI

Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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Acting County Counsel
Acting Director of Personnel